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SUBJECT: TAX COURT CASE - TONGSUN PARK

1. IRS HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN THE TAX COURT CASE DETERMINING THE LIABILITY OF TONGSUN PARK FOR UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES FOR 1972 THROUGH 1975.

2. FIRST THE IRS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE ROK REFLECT REGARDING THE BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS OF TONGSUN PARK FROM 1962 THROUGH 1975. IF THESE ARE NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM APPROPRIATE ROKG OFFICIAL.

3. SIMILARLY IRS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ROK IMMIGRATION RECORDS SHOW REGARDING MR. PARK'S EDUCATION, RESIDENCY SINCE 1962 AT WHICH TIME HE GRADUATED FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE, AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT TONGSUN PARK WAS IN THE ROK FOR THE YEARS 1970 THROUGH 1976. SINCE WE ASSUME THESE ARE NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH APPROPRIATE ROKG CONFIDENTIAL

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4. IF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS REFLECTING THE ANSWER TO THESE INQUIRIES CAN BE OBTAINED, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROPER NOTARIZATION BY ROKG OFFICIAL AND CERTIFICATION BY CONSUL FOR UTILIZATION IN U.S. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

5. IRS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ORIGINAL KOREAN LANGUAGE TEXT OF STATEMENTS MADE BY PARK TO PRESS ON OR AROUND AUGUST 24, 1977 IN WHICH HE STATED, "FOR A MAN WHO HAS CONSIDERED AMERICA HIS SECOND HOME, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE BEEN BETRAYED".

6. AS THE DETERMINATION OF PARK'S TAX LIABILITY BY THE TAX COURT IS PENDING, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE SOONEST. VANCE

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